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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1.   (Currently Amended): An image printing method comprising:

a regular character string registration step of registering a character string having at least one character as a regular character string;

a regular printing instruction step of instructing regular printing for printing said regular character string, irrespective of whether or not a character string other than said regular character string is being input or edited;

a regular printing step of printing a regular character string image corresponding to said regular character string on a printing object as a print image without displaying said regular character string image on a predetermined display screen when said regular printing is instructed;

wherein a plurality of types of regular character strings can be registered as said regular character strings; and

a regular printing image selection step of selecting any one of said plurality of types of regular character strings as a regular character string to be printed by said regular printing;

said regular printing image selection step including:

an identifier display step of displaying a plurality of types of identifiers corresponding respectively to said plurality of types of regular character strings on a the predetermined display screen; and

an identifier selection step of selecting any one of said plurality of types of identifiers.

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2-7.   (Cancelled)

8.   (Currently Amended):   An image printing apparatus <u>having display means, said apparatus</u> comprising:

regular character string registration means for registering a character string having at least one character as a regular character string;

regular printing instruction means for instructing regular printing for printing said regular character string, irrespective of whether or not a character string other than said regular character string is being input or edited;

regular printing means for printing a regular character string image corresponding to said regular character string as a print image <u>without displaying said regular character string on a predetermined display screen,</u> on a printing object when said regular printing is instructed;

wherein a plurality of types of regular character strings can be registered as said regular character strings; and

regular print image selection means for selecting any of said plurality of types of regular character strings as a regular character string to be printed by said regular printing;

said regular print image selection means including:

identifier display means for displaying a plurality of types of identifiers corresponding to said plurality of types of regular character strings on a <u>the</u> predetermined display screen; and

identifier selection means for selecting any of said plurality of types of identifiers.

9-15. (Cancelled)

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16.   (Original):   An image printing method according to claim 1, further including a related character string registration step of registering said regular character string as a representative character string, and registering at least one character string related to said representative character string as related character strings, such that said related character strings are correlated with said representative character string, to thereby construct one regular character string group including said representative character string as a representative thereof, and

wherein said regular printing step includes a related character string printing step of printing, when a representative character string image corresponding to said representative character string is printed as said regular character string image, at least one related character string image corresponding to at least one of said related character strings such that said at least one related character string image accompanies said representative character string image.

17-37. (Cancelled)

38.   (Previously Presented):   An image printing apparatus according to claim 8, further including related character string registration means registering said regular character string as a representative character string, and registering at least one character string related to said representative character string as related character strings, such that said related character strings are correlated with said representative character string, to thereby construct one regular character string group including said representative character string as a representative thereof, and

wherein said regular printing means includes related character string printing means for printing, when a representative character string image

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corresponding to said representative character string is printed as said regular character string image, at least one related character string image corresponding to at least one of said related character strings such that said at least one related character string image accompanies said representative character string image.

39. (Original): An image printing apparatus according to claim 38, wherein said related character string printing means prints at least one predetermined related character string image of said related character strings such that said at least one predetermined related character string image accompanies said representative character string image.

40. (Original): An image printing apparatus according to claim 38, wherein a plurality of types of related character strings can be registered as said related character strings,

wherein said related character string printing means includes:

related print image selection means for selecting at least one arbitrary related character string of said related character strings; and

related print image printing means for printing said at least one selected arbitrary related character string such that said at least one selected arbitrary related character string accompanies said representative character string image.

41. (Previously Presented): An image printing apparatus according to claim 8, wherein a plurality of types of regular character strings can be registered as said regular character strings, the image printing apparatus further including regular printing image selection means for selecting any of said plurality of types of

regular character strings as a regular character string to be printed by said regular printing.

42.   (Cancelled)

43.   (Previously Presented): An image printing apparatus according to claim 8, wherein said regular character string group is registered such that said representative character string corresponding to said identifier is registered separately therefrom as one type of said related character string.

44.   (Previously Presented): An image printing apparatus according to claim 8, wherein assuming that predetermined two identifiers included in said plurality of types of identifiers are defined as a first identifier and a second identifier, and regular character string groups corresponding to said first identifier and said second identifier are defined as a first regular character string group and a second regular character string group respectively, at least one of related character strings of said second regular character string group is included in related character strings of said first regular character string group, as a common related character string.

45-46. (Cancelled)

47.   (Previously Presented): An image printing apparatus according to claim 8, wherein said regular print image selection means includes:

identifier display means for displaying said plurality of types of identifiers on a predetermined display screen; and

identifier selection means for selecting any of said plurality of types of identifiers.

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48-49. (Cancelled)

50.   (Original):   An image printing apparatus according to claim 47, wherein said regular print image selection means further includes:

display-restoring information storage means for storing display-restoring information required for restoring contents currently displayed on said predetermined display screen before displaying said plurality of types of identifiers; and

display restoration means for restoring said contents displayed on said predetermined display screen at said time of storing said display-restoring information, based on said display-restoring information, after selection of said identifier.

51.   (Previously Presented):   An image printing apparatus according to claim 38, wherein said regular character string includes a character string representative of at least one of a person's name, an appellation and a name of a division to which a person belongs.

52-57. (Cancelled)

58.   (Previously Presented):   An image printing apparatus according to claim 8, further including arbitrary character string entry means for entering an arbitrary character string having at least one character string,

wherein said regular character string registration means registers said arbitrary character string as one type of a regular character string other than said regular character string.

59.   (Original): An image printing apparatus according to claim 58, further including:

arbitrary printing instruction means for instructing arbitrary printing for printing said arbitrary character string entered; and

arbitrary printing means for printing an arbitrary character string image corresponding to said arbitrary character string as said print image when said arbitrary printing is instructed.

60.   (Previously Presented): An image printing apparatus according to claim 8, wherein said printing object is a tape.

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